

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 361

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Paige Clark, Miss Tennessee Volunteer 2023.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Paige Clark, who was recently crowned Miss Tennessee Volunteer, a most befitting honor, as it recognizes her dedication to excellence and her devotion to serving her community; and

WHEREAS, as the winner of the Miss Tennessee Volunteer pageant, Ms. Clark will serve as the governor's official spokesperson for Character Education, touring Tennessee schools to champion the character trait "Respect," and will compete for the Miss Volunteer America crown; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-three-year-old graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Paige Clark is a practicing pediatric nurse with plans for a career in neonatal cardiothoracic surgery; she is currently pursuing her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in Acute and Primary Care Pediatrics from Johns Hopkins University; and

WHEREAS, representing the service-oriented mission of the Miss Tennessee Volunteer program, Ms. Clark has logged hundreds of hours in service to organizations in and around her hometown of Knoxville, including nearly 300 volunteer hours at The Wesley House, an underserved children's community center, which is in line with her platform "Spark: Serving the Underserved"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her heart for service, Paige Clark wowed the judges with her talent performance; a trained clogger with more than nineteen years of dancing experience, she

has worked as a professional clogger at The Comedy Barn Theater and Hatfield and McCoy Dinner Feud in Pigeon Forge. She was also featured on season one of NBC's *College Bowl* with Peyton Manning; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clark is a most worthy ambassador for the unique opportunity to represent Miss Tennessee Volunteer's mission of scholarship, education, responsibility, volunteerism, and empowerment and serve as a mentor to thousands of students across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is our pleasure to honor Paige Clark, Miss Tennessee Volunteer 2023; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Paige Clark upon being named Miss Tennessee Volunteer, extending our best wishes for her success during her crowned year of service and in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.